

(MR. SPEAKER)

Clause 1, the Title and the Preamble were added to the Bill.

*Motion to pass*

Sri B. RACHAIAH.—I beg to move :

That the Mysore. Land Reforms (Amendment) Bill, 1967, be passed."

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

"That the Mysore Land Reforms (Amendment) Bill, 1967 be passed."

*The motion was adopted.*

### Members' Representations

†Sri K. H. RANGANATH.—Sir, today's Deccan Herald reveals that the Minister for Transport has made a statement of police that all routes in the State are going to be nationalised. In fact, we are now sitting. He knew that we are sitting to day and yet he made that statement yesterday at a function, at the M. S. R. T. while inaugurating the Luxury Coach. This has become the habit of the Government to make policy statements outside the House. For our questions in the past the Government was replying that they may not take such decisions and that they were interested in nationalising certain parts only. Now today's paper reveals that Government are thinking of nationalising all the bus routes. Therefore, it is a serious breach of the privilege of this august House. I have brought this to your notice.

†ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಭಾಷಣ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋದಾಗ್ಗೆ ಸರಕಾರದ ನೀತಿಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಗೊಳಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ. ವಿಶೇಷ ಸಂದರ್ಭಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭೋಜನ ಕೂಟಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋದಾಗ್ಗೆ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಏನೇನೋ ಊಟ ಮಾಡಿ ಬಿಡುತ್ತಾರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಎಪೋಷನ್ ಬಂದಾಗ್ಗೆ ಸರಕಾರದ ಪಾಲಿಸಿ ಹೇಳಿಬಿಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಇಡೀ ದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ರಸ್ತೆ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಕರಣ ವಿಷಯವಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಈ ಶಾಸನ ಸಭೆಯು ಅಧಿವೇಶನದಲ್ಲಿರುವಾಗ್ಗೆ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ವಿಶೇಷ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಹೊರಗಡೆ ಕೊಡತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಸಂದರ್ಭ ಏನಿತ್ತು? ಸರಕಾರದ ಪಾಲಿಸಿಯನ್ನು ಈ ಸಭೆಯು ಮುಂದೆ ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವಿರಲಿಲ್ಲವೇ! ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನು ಅಡ್ಡಿಯಿತ್ತು? ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಇದು ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಭ್ಯಾಸವಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೊರಗಡೆ ಅವರು ಹೇಳುವುದನ್ನು ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ನಾವು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಈ ರೀತಿ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಘನತೆ ಗಾಂಭೀರ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಧಕ್ಕೆ ಬರತಕ್ಕಂಥಾದ್ದಾಗಿದೆ. ಅದುದರಿಂದ ತಾವು ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಡೈರೆಕ್ಟ್‌ನೇ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಅವರು ಈ ರೀತಿ ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರಗಡೆ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಇದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಕ್ಲೇಮವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ರತ್ನಕುಮಾರ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ನಮ್ಮ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯು ರಾಜಕೀಯ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹು ಬಲಹೀನವಾಗಿದೆ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪನವರು ಮಂಗಳೂರಿಗೆ ಬಂದಾಗ್ಗೆ ಕಾಸರಗೋಡ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ಯಾವ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನೂ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The member cannot raise it like that. If he wants he has to do it in accordance with the rules or consult somebody.

Two members have raised certain objections. Even they are not relevant. My first grievance is that why is it, it was not brought to my notice at the first instance. I wanted Sri Ranganath with regard to another matter of which he gave notice and dispersed.

**Sr. K. H. RANGANATH.**—I am sorry. I was in the meeting of the Bangalore University Senate. I came late. I have taken the earliest opportunity after I came.

**Mr. SPEAKER.**—He should have told everybody that our Speaker wants priority attention. He has to choose between the two. He cannot have both simultaneously and now he says that he has taken the earliest opportunity. By what yardstick? The earliest opportunity for the Assembly is when it meets first.

**Sri D. DEVARAJ URS** (Minister for Animal Husbandry Fisheries, Information and Publicity).—It is no doubt true that if Government want to make any policy statements during the time when the Legislature is in sessions, it should be made inside the House, but the point now to be considered is whether the statement of the Transport Minister is a policy statement in the first instance. If it is a policy statement, then only it might amount to breach of privilege, but I contend that it is not at all a policy statement.

**Mr. SPEAKER.**—The policy has been enunciated much earlier.

**Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.**—The policy of nationalisation of transport is an accepted policy enunciated long ago. The only thing said by the Transport Minister yesterday during the function is that he is merely going to extend nationalised transport to more routes. There is no policy involved and so there is no breach of privilege.

**Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.**—The speech of the erstwhile Transport Minister has provoked me to say something. I will refer to only one incident and request you to direct the Ministers not to make any more statements because their practice is wholly divorced from their statements which could be proved by umpteen number of cases. I will illustrate my point by only one incident, in the year 1956 when the Bangalore-Belgaum route was nationalised. Afterwards we thought of nationalising the routes in Chitradurga district and we gave them 3 months to nationalise. I was then the Minister in charge. The time given was from 1st November 3 months. In spite of this policy statement, more than 10 years have elapsed and that that route between Chitradurga and Harihar has not yet been nationalised. Let it be said to their eternal shame that they have not been able to do it.

**Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.**—You gave time.

**Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.**—I gave time of only 3 months. Now they go to the Supreme Court and they have to take new routes. Why? Why is it that they have not been able take up this short distance of 43 miles? If I were there, I would have committed suicide.

**Mr. SPEAKER.**—I shall not allow anybody to commit suicide.

**Sri S. R. KANTHI.**—So far as policy statements made by Ministers outside the House is concerned, it is not a normal practice. We take care to see that policy statements are made in the House. Even today morning you had given a ruling on the point and so it cannot be said that it has become a practice with the Ministers. You cannot direct the Ministers that they should not make any statements outside the House. What has to be seen is whether they are policy statements or not.

**Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.**—My friend Sri Siddaveerappa just now said that we have delayed nationalisation of some of these routes for more than 10 years. Let him remember what happened after he laid down office. Afterwards, integration of States took place and we got a nationalised sector from the erstwhile Bombay region and the Hyderabad region. After integration took place, the nationalisation policy is being pursued by Government without any break, and it has taken so much time. It is not possible to complete the nationalisation throughout the State at once because of lack of funds. It is not easy to mobilise resources of crores and crores of rupees. Now we have sunk more than Rs. 15 crores for the Road Transport Corporation to run 2,000 and odd buses on routes covering roughly two-thirds of the State. I would invite the attention of the hon'ble member to the 4 schemes which have already been notified. So it is not correct to say that Government have slackened the policy of nationalisation.

**Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.**—This point of discrimination with regard to the short distance of 48 miles has been adverted to in the Supreme Court in a case pending before it and which is coming up on the 4th. In spite of that, they are taking over new routes leaving this short route of 48 miles. They do not want to take over this distance of 48 miles.

**Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.**—Let me state that the sector that he mentions comes under nationalised route. While preparing schemes we have to consider the question from every aspect. We want to cover the entire region, but it is rather difficult. So wherever it is convenient and practical such routes will be taken up consistent with the long routes that we propose to take up.

† ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ಸಭಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಮೊನ್ನೆ ತಾನೆ 1967—68ನೆಯ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ನೀತಿಯನ್ನು ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಭಾಷಣದಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಮುಂದಿನ ವರ್ಷ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳನ್ನೂ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಕರಣ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದಿರುವಂತೆ ನೂಡನೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಹಾಗಿರುವಾಗ ಇವತ್ತು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಂಗ ಸಚಿವರು ಹೇಳುವ ವಿಷಯ ಸರಕಾರದ ನೀತಿಯಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದು ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಸರಕಾರ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಮಾರ್ಗಗಳನ್ನೂ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಕರಣ ಮಾಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಹೇಳುವುದು ಮುಂದಿನ ವರ್ಷದ ನೀತಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ವಿಷಯ. ಮುಂದಿನ ವರ್ಷ ಏನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇ ವೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ಮೊನ್ನೆ ತಾನೆ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಇರಾಖಾವಾರು ಹಿಂದೇನು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಮುಂದೇನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಒಂದೊಂದು ಇರಾಖೆಯೂ ಏನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತದೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರು ತಮ್ಮ ಭಾಷಣದಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಹಣವಿಲ್ಲ, ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಕರಣಮಾಡಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುವಾಗ ಏಕಾಏಕಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಮಾರ್ಗಗಳನ್ನೂ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಕರಣ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದು ನೀತಿಯಲ್ಲವೇ ? ಈ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಸಭೆಯ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತರದೇ ಏಕಾಏಕಿ ಹೇಳಿರುವುದು ನಿಜವಾಗಿಯೂ ಕೂಡ ಸಭೆಯ ಘನತೆ, ಗಾಂಭೀರ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಹಕ್ಕುಭಾದ್ಯತೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಲೋಪ